

The regular meeting of the Ross County Agricultural Society Board of Directors was conducted Monday, February 5, 2018 at the Ross County Fairgrounds, 344 Fairgrounds Road, Chillicothe, Ohio.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Bryan Bethel.

Roll call revealed Gearhart, Haubeil Jr, McNeal, Whitten absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Hill.

Guests – Kim Litter, Rylee Putnam, Susan Glandon, Chris Scott, Dave Huggins, Brian Knoles, Douglas A. Blue, Karlton Wheeler, Katie Feldhues, Chris Hooks

Susan Glandon, President of Auxiliary, asked for shelving in the Fine Arts department, fencing around the canned goods, more cases, electronic entry program and more money for premiums.

Chris Scott and Dave Huggins presented information about MADE (My Attitude Determines Everything) as part of the Drug Free Clubs of America. Students sign up in the schools to be part of the club. The Buck Fifty (150 mile) relay race is the second week of April.

In 2017, 1695 students participated in the MADE program. 2300 students are participating in 2018. \$67.00 is spent on each student for drug testing. Doug Blue and Brian Knoles have a \$35,000.00 fireworks show to present this year for the students.

2-1-18: Cosenza moved, Pickerrell seconded to allow MADE to have their year end celebration on the fairgrounds May 12, 2018 at no cost. They will use the bandstand, grandstand, infield, campgrounds and the PA system. Motion carried.

PEP insurance is offering another \$500.00 grant in 2018 to help with the purchase of safety related equipment.

2-2-18: Clary moved, Clever seconded to buy a total of two (2) defibrillators for the fairgrounds. Motion carried.

Pepsi wants to pick up all coolers from the grounds and will deliver back before the fair. Chrisman will call Pepsi and pass along vendor information to them.

A meeting with the Veterinarians will be held on February 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Service Center. All species who have issues are encouraged to attend. Dr. Blake Lloyd will be present.

Clever moved, Hill seconded to accept the minutes of January 8, 2018. Motion carried.

Corcoran moved, Nelson seconded to approve the January 2018 Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

2-3-18: Pickerrell moved, McCorkle seconded to pay the following bills. Motion carried.

Nan Clary's effective date of hire as Treasurer was January 15, 2018. She will assume the position as Head Treasurer on March 1, 2018.

2-4-18: Prater moved, Hurtt seconded to approve the 2018 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

2-5-18: Cosenza moved, Corcoran seconded to approve the purchase orders for 2018. Motion carried.

2-6-18: Haubeil moved, Corcoran seconded to purchase two (2) laptop computers and printers, one each for the new Secretary and Treasurer, and one (1) desktop computer for the fair office for \$5500.00. Motion carried.

2-7-18: Prater moved, Clever seconded to allow Peggy Gray and Cindy Uhrig to keep their laptops and share information with the new Treasurer and Secretary. Motion carried.

2-8-18: McCorkle moved, Clary seconded to spend \$5000.00 for Saturday fireworks at the 2018 fair. Motion carried.

#### 4-H Report/Jr. Fair Report

The judges are in order. The Superintendents are in place. Still need 1 or 2 for swine. Background checks will be arriving in the mail (3-4).

260 4-H Advisors attended the mandatory training and were appreciative for the dinner we provided.

The Jr. Fair Board would like to know the emergency plan for the fairgrounds and will work with the committee for development. Cosenza will contact the Sheriff for the plan.

Sally Bluck is compiling a list of what the Senior Fair Board pays for and will forward to the Treasurer.

Per OSU, the 4-H Committee cannot host shows for those persons under 8 years of age and those over 18 years of age.

2-9-18: Pickerrell moved, Prater seconded to run the NBHA Show on June 1-2, 2018 through the fairboard. Motion carried.

#### Jr. Fair Sales Committee

The January meeting was cancelled due to weather. Two (2) buyers are still outstanding.

2-10-18: Haubeil moved, Prater seconded to sign a two (2) year contract with ETIX. Motion carried.

2-11-18: Clary moved, Cosenza seconded to keep the rental cost for Swap Days on April 13-15, 2018 at \$10,000.00. Motion carried.

2-12-18: Clary moved, Hill seconded to hire Mary Ludwick as the Secretary for \$1000.00 per month. Motion carried.

2-13-18: Clever moved, Hill seconded to extend contracts for Peggy Gray and Cindy Uhrig for sixty (60) days at the same pay while training the new Treasurer and Secretary. Motion carried.

2-14-18: Prater moved, McCorkle seconded to purchase a shredder for the office. Motion carried.

2-15-18: Prater moved, Cosenza seconded to submit the insurance forms to PEP for 2018 renewal. Motion carried.

#### Caretaker's Report

The inventory list has been completed and submitted to the Secretary. 55 saw horses have been rebuilt and painted. Karlton suggested that 4-H groups have community service hours on the fairgrounds for the use of the buildings for meetings, etc.

#### Committee Reports

Grounds - Haubeil reported the estimate for a 15' x 40' storage room attached to the Multipurpose building, with 2 sets of double doors and an outside roll up door is \$44,000.00.

The County Engineer has enough dirt to level out the area for the Triple Treat rides. \$20,000.00 will be needed for asphalt improvements.

2-16-18: Prater moved, Boggs seconded to leave the campers as is inside the area of the fairgrounds with one exception. The O'Bryant campsite beside the vegetable building will move to the campgrounds. This replaces motion S7-6-17 that would have moved 12 campers. Motion carried. 2 Opposed, 1 Abstained.

Entertainment – Bandstand schedule almost completed.

Fairbook – Meeting with the Gazette on February 6, 2018.

Golf Carts – Promote safety and more signage

Sponsorships – Packets will be mailed.

2-17-18: Clever moved, Chrisman seconded to pay All-Win Electric \$1000.00 to end the two (2) contracts, give them a 60 day notice and to look for another Electrician to help during the fair. McCorkle will contact our Attorney to draft a letter to mail to All-Win Electric and include the check. Motion carried. McCorkle abstained.

2-18-18: Hill moved, Chrisman seconded to buy new polo shirts from Sports Plus for \$550.00. Motion carried.

2-19-18: Clary moved, Clever seconded to have all mail, contracts and monies sent to our post office box 614. Motion carried.

Jeep Fest – The concert will be announced on 2/19/18. The tickets will go on sale 2/26/19. Haubeil, Jr. is handling obtaining the beer permit, rain insurance, camping permit through the Health department and contacting ETIX for ticket sales.

All Directors received a copy of the Policy & Procedure Handbook, The Constitution of the Ross County Agricultural Society and The Redbook.

2-20-18: Clever moved, Boggs seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried.

WITNESSED BY:

RESPECTIVELY SUBMITTED:

BRYAN BETHEL  
PRESIDENT RCAS

CYNTHIA D. UHRIG  
SECRETARY